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The Great Thing In the World Is Not So Much Where We Stand, as In What Direction We Are Moving

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

AN impressive service was held at the College Sunday afternoon, May 11th, when fifteen students were graduated and two were ordained to the ministry of Divine Science.

There were music and flowers, both the generous gifts of friends.

Mrs. Josephine Preston led the meditation. She directed our thought to the supreme Truth of the Universe, God is all both invisible and visible; she emphasized man's relation to the Father, the oneness that must be understood by man if he is to realize his heritage of life, power and goodness.

The following is a brief summary of the charges given to the graduating class by the different members of the College Board.

Mrs. Harriet M. Bullen: Several years ago an unlettered friar, a menial in a monastery, told in simple language how he practiced the Presence of God. His talks have been preserved in a little book, the least pretentious, I judge, that has ever been published, but one far-reaching in its influence. Brother Lawrence had found the secret that to learn how to live with God *was just to live with Him*. This class has been taught the most profound Truth that the world has ever heard, the most comprehensive—the Omnipresence of God and man His individualized expression. In this course of study you have completed you have had unveiled to you this great vision, now comes your part.

Brother Lawrence said, Practice living with God every moment. In the light of this understanding of man, we say, Practice being God-Spirit in everything you do.

The God-Life, You, is perfect Life-Activity here this moment.

The Perfect Mind, You, knows the right decision for this question.

The God-Love, You, meets every problem as an opportunity.

"Be ye perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect."

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Mrs. Mary Dean Parsons: Natural scientists tell us that in nature there is not one thing brought forth into manifestation that has not its own par-

ticular use. The tiniest form of life expresses simply and truly as all-pervading Intelligence sees the need. And nature, which expresses only for usefulness, is most beautiful, restful and strong.

We, too, are expressions of the One Perfect Mind and have our mission of usefulness to perform. This is very simple, but through "self-consciousness" and "choice" we have gone far astray.

The purifying of man's understanding of his relation to God has come, through the years, in succeeding waves. We, today, are in such a purifying wave. We are beginning to see the simplicity of man's relation to his Maker. This relationship is usefulness and is social. The leaf does not function for the leaf but for the whole tree. Man expresses God for the race.

This God expression, as taught here in these wonderful classes, should make better schools and homes, truer business and politics—in fact, should purify all social relationships. Thus we do justly and love mercy for we love our neighbor as ourselves.

Mrs. Eva Downey: My message to you today is the one that Paul gave to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

How are we to know when we are approved unto God? "There is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

Whenever we fail to do our best this Spirit instantly tells us of our mistake. If we would hear, there must be daily consecration to Truth. Seeking the realization of our unity with God, we must "listen for His voice and hear no other call." We must live so true to the Omnipresence that we are selfless, not sensitive to either praise or blame; not governed by what others think, but by what God would have us do.

There are times when our problems seem hard. We may have done our best and yet can see little or no result. I grant you it takes courage and determination to stand firm at such times, but if we refuse to be discouraged and persevere, knowing that our part is to be faithful, the result lies with God, we shall win.

As graduates of this College you are going out



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into the world with a great work to do, and I know of nothing that can bring you greater joy than this work if you are true to the principles you have learned here. Let your aim be to make "earth a fairer, holier place, and to rise each day into a higher sense of Life and Love." So live that your very presence will heal and bless; always faithful to the trust placed in you, never found wanting when Love calls, seeking to glorify God at all times.

Thus I charge you to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Mrs. Martha Stark: When asked to speak a few words to this class I wondered what more could be said after the splendid courses through which you have passed. However, this morning while we were singing that beautiful hymn, The Larger Prayer, it came to me to speak of love—"But now I pray for Love—and Light and Strength and Faith are opening everywhere," you remember the words.

Love is the key that opens the door to the omnipresent abundance of Life, Health, Success, Joy and all that is Good. "Love is the fulfilling of the law."

I remember a statement given to us by our Pastor in 1904. It brought to me a most wonderful realization of the Fulness of Divine Love everywhere. At that time we did not have the privilege of our lessons in Daily Studies. Miss Brooks gave us a statement to be held throughout the month. The following was one of them:

I am not bound by the senses,
I am not limited by ignorance,
I am not subject to anything, for
I am Love.
Love in me is God,
Love in me is Wisdom,
Love in me is Consciousness,
Love in me is Power.
I dwell in Love and Love dwells in me.
Love is the nature of my being.
I am perfect in Love.

Henry Frank says, "So much of Love's Power only can we test, as of Love we possess."

"Enlarge thou me in Love * * * let me be possessed by love mounting above myself. * * * For Love is born of God and cannot rest but in God above all created things."

"Love never faileth."

Mrs. C. L. Baum: There is nothing more important for our graduates to remember than the necessity of their being absolutely loyal to the Truth that we stand for as Divine Scientists.

It reminds me of our loyalty to our flag. A few years ago we looked at the flag as an everyday sort of a thing—almost commonplace, no one thrilled to it especially, and although we were fond of it, it meant but little to us. But when war came upon the world with all its sorrow and pain, the flag—our flag—took on a new significance; it stood to us then as a great emblem of Unity, the United States, a United Nation working together for safety and healing.

Today we thrill to the Flag, it represents a national loyalty to us all.

So with Truth. When things go along smoothly and life seems happy and free, we do not think

much about, or lean upon, Truth. But when sickness and sorrow, pain and death appear to us, then is the time to be loyal in all ways to the Truth we know.

All too many people desert the Truth and turn to external help at these times, putting trust in that which is fallible and uncertain in result.

But we who believe in Truth as the Supreme fact of the Universe, give to it our whole, undivided faith, for we know that Truth can do infinitely more for us than we can do for it, and absolute faith in Truth brings redemption for all mankind.

So to you, who go out from this College in service and love, to bear witness to the teachings of Divine Science, above all else, stand in devotion and loyalty to the Omnipresence and Omnipotence of changeless Truth.

Mrs. Ada B. Fay: The Colorado College of Divine Science stands pre-eminent among the colleges of the world, in that it prepares the student for his own individual life work. You have studied the law of expression, God the One Source and Cause and all expression the effect. The knowledge of the Omnipresence of God makes you sure-footed on the path of Life. You have learned the secret of the Universe when you have become conscious of the truth of your unity with God; within your own soul is the intelligence and power to meet with joy and strength every demand that Life makes upon you. You bear witness of your conscious unity with God by knowing that you make your own experiences; because that which is in you is greater than anything in the external, it is the controlling Power. All experience is individual.

My charge to you is that you preach the gospel of Love with your every word, gesture and glance. Be enthusiastic, you have a great Truth to give, the world is waiting for it and it always listens to the one who believes what he is saying.

"Love is the River of Life in this world. Think not that ye know it who stand at the little tinkling rill or the first small fountain.

Not until you have gone through the rocky gorges and not lost the stream; not until you have gone through the meadow and the stream has widened and deepened until fleets can ride on its bosom; not until beyond the meadow you have come to the unfathomable ocean and poured your treasures into its depths—not until then can you know what love is."

You believe in the Presence of God as all, and at this moment amidst the cloud of witnesses you stand firm and true to the faith that is in you. You now go forth into your different activities with the consciousness of your divine purpose to bear witness to the Truth you have been taught by the teachers of this College. We extend to you our tender love and perfect faith in your efforts in the future.

Mrs. Anna L. Palmer, who could not be at the meeting, sent this greeting to the graduating class: Only out of the Eternal Self, which includes the personal self, can come the Love, Power and Strength needed for this day of unfoldment.

I send a great message of Love in Truth to each one of you. Henceforth, I shall not know you as students of a teacher, but as dear comrades along the path of Life's Expansion.

Mr. N. W. Lorimer's charge to the candidates for

ordination: I am asking you this afternoon to maintain the correct estimate of yourself and your work.

We are living amid external things that are called great. You all live in cities full of great enterprises, in a country with its great men. You must keep your thoughts upon the Invisible lest you be discouraged or turned aside. If you know well the Truth within you, you will do well.

I know you have heard here that voice that Jesus heard in his baptism and his transfiguration, "Thou art my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." But you remember that just after his baptism he heard also the call to serve personal desires for supply, for worldly honor and wealth. He was true to the testimony of the heavenly voice. He remembered his true calling and mission; and in the sustained consciousness of it became the truly greatest of men and did the greatest of all works.

Remember, too, that your work is the most useful work. That is the test of all things today, Is it useful? Accept the challenge.

Just after Jesus' temptations, in the same chapter, we are told that Jesus began to preach and to teach, saying, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The truth of the Presence of the Mind that works by law, order, love and power, turned men from the toil and worry thoughts to the consciousness of peace and rest in all their efforts. What is more useful?

Then he began to heal the sick, to restore the lame and blind, feed the hungry, correct the deranged, calm the storm and raise the dead. If you have heard the voice and are faithful to it you will go forth to this work most useful which so many need, and for which you will have the truest rewards of renewed power together with the honor and love of all people.

Mrs. Helen Close: Dearly Beloved, this is an occasion both of great joy and of deep solemnity. Joyful are we always to receive and ordain those consecrated ones who through sincere desire and earnest purpose have responded to the call of the Master and are ready to follow the injunction, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." You are to heal the sick and say to a storm-tossed world, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Never has there been a time in the history of the world when there was greater need of laborers in the field to lift the burdens of the weak, soothe the sorrowing heart, or speak peace to the fearful ones. Never has there been greater need for laborers who will graciously and lovingly follow the great Master in giving their lives for humanity.

As a people and as "Nations of the Earth" we are facing great issues and all of us who love the Truth rejoice today that we have these two added to the consecrated laborers who are breaking the Bread of Life and giving the Wine of Life to hungry and thirsty souls.

"All around us everywhere
Men their sins and burdens bear.
Shall we not these burdens share?"

It is with some such desire, I am sure, that you have entered the ministry, yearning so far as in you lies to meet the world's need.

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Why the World Needs to Know Truth

MAUDE R. LORIMER

THE world is struggling in a mixed belief of good and evil. Man loves the good innately, but is swayed by beliefs and opinions of evil. Most of the world's religions until the last few decades have taught that there are two great powers warring against each other, each striving for supremacy in the world. The present condition of the race is the result of this teaching. WE see in the race a mighty surging of good met by opposing evil. There is the constant effort of humanity to free itself from its bondage. The progress of the race during thousands of years has been so slow that it is pathetic.

Anyone who thinks at all must see that the greatest need of the world is a God big enough to deliver it from its bondage.

Nothing less than Infinite Mind, knowing its creation and sustaining it by beneficent and unchangeable Law could meet the world's need. There must be not only Infinite Mind but also Infinite Love and Absolute Good, everywhere present, filling all with Itself to the exclusion of an opposing power. It is all-important that the One Mind of Good be known and proved to be the Only Mind, the Only Power, in the problem of the world's deliverance from evil.

The world has been groping in ignorance. It needs to know the Truth, the Truth of Infinite Mind and its creation, of man and his relation to the Universal.

The world has centered its thought and its activities largely in material things. It needs to center its thoughts in the abiding spiritual realities. It needs a great Impersonal Love to free it from greed and enmity and the selfishness of personal pre-eminence. It needs One Unifying Mind, to bring order and harmony out of the chaos of human thinking. In short, the world needs a God who is Life and Love and Joy—the ever-present reality of each human being.

Always what *ought* to be *is*; and the God to meet the world's needs *is* and always has been. The God that the world is seeking, Divine Science "declares unto you."

If the wren can cling
To a spray a-swing
In the mad May wind, and sing, and sing,
As if she'd burst for joy—
Why cannot I
Contented lie
In His quiet arms beneath His sky,
Unmoved by life's annoy?

—Robert Haven Schauffler.

If we understand the law and are willing to pay the temporary price, there is practically nothing that we cannot overcome and at least in quality of habit, character and life attain to.—Ralph Waldo Trine.

The universe is a thought of God.—Schiller.

Signs That Follow

YOU would scarcely recognize our home since we have begun the study of this Truth. We are all well, happy and harmonious. You know how it was before.

Such a joy came to us the other day: Our neighbor's boy, a lad of eight, fell from the roof of their porch and lay huddled on the ground apparently lifeless. When the doctor from across the street picked him up he feared a very serious injury and carried him into the house with a grave face. Just then my daughter said, "But, Mother, we must not forget that God is there." We sat down together to realize God's presence. And, oh, the sweet peace it brought. Again my daughter said, "I know he is all right, Mother, I feel God's presence right there."

A few minutes later when we saw the physician come out of the house we asked about Roy. He replied, "I thought he was seriously injured, but he is perfectly well. It is marvelous."

We are so young in our study that it seems presumptuous to think that our word was so blessed. But we feel certain that we helped. I felt like saying to the doctor, "I can tell you something more wonderful than Roy's being unharmed by his fall—there is a Power at hand that will keep us safe always if we turn to It."

Is the Truth not wonderful, Miss Brooks?

My family are marveling that I am so well after so many months of suffering.

Mrs. E. W.

I have been studying and keeping my silent times faithfully every day and I am improving steadily. Thank God for His glorious Truth.

L. M. R.

HEALING

Healing is spiritual education, which leads to the realization of the Truth of our Being. It is a process in thought, the coming out of ignorance, of sickness, into a knowledge of health. It does not change God or his ideas concerning us, it does not start or renew any activity, it does not help or hinder God, it does not create or keep anything from being created. Healing is simply the recognition of the Truth of our Being and the claiming and accepting of our Divine inheritance, which is the state of eternal changeless health.

It is not our bodies that need healing, but our beliefs about the body. The body in its natural state is perfect, and man cannot change it by his thinking. Disease is but a mental concept concerning the body and in healing we awaken the individual to know the Truth of himself. When we recognize and claim the eternal health of the body as truth, the error thought concerning it is erased and our True state of Being is called forth to manifest itself.

EVA BARTLETT,
In Primary Training Class.

Not suppression, but expression, is the true life.—
Phillips Brooks.

A TREATMENT

DORA MAXINE HARDIE

Dear One, our God is a Loving Presence, and is Universal, Eternal and Changeless. There is no place on earth that God does not fill, whether invisible or visible, and the Spirit of God is in every living soul, for that soul to be at all means that God Life and God Love and God Activity are there. The same Spirit of God which is present in every soul is in you, your body is teeming with God Life, God Love and God Activity from the top of your head to the soles of your feet. No matter what the appearance is, God is there, and God alone.

You are a child of this Living Presence, an heir, a joint heir with Christ and just as the stream is like the fountain from which it flows, you are like God, there is no separation.

God is Universal, Eternal and Changeless Health and you have received the wonderful gift of Health from the Father and it is our part to open our eyes and know that we have received. God Love, God Peace and God Harmony are in that part of your body where there is seeming disorder, for God is All; "I am and beside Me there is none else."

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"Unto whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required." Because of that this occasion is one of deep sacredness. I would ask you in all love to meditate well Paul's words to Timothy, Study to be a workman approved unto God, and under all circumstances let your conversation be such as shall mark you as faithful followers of the Lord Christ. Let the life of Jesus become your life in thought and word and deed. So shall you become possessed of his power and baptized with his consciousness of the Father's abiding fulness.

Miss Brooks, as President of the Colorado College and Minister of the First Divine Science Church, then conferred the diplomas of Graduation and the Ministerial Certificates upon the students who were entitled to them. Her remarks were brief: The hearts of your teachers have been thrilling during this service, thrilling with joy in your attainment. They saw you take your first steps in Truth, they have watched you grow, and now they see the culmination of your endeavor in this wonderful hour. They know what is ahead of you. They know what is within you, and they entrust to you the honor of the College because you have proved yourselves worthy workmen that need not be ashamed.

Many will come to you hungry. Remember Jesus' injunction to his disciple, Feed my sheep. How can you give to others unless you yourselves are fed by Bread from Heaven? Therefore, live close, close, to the Consciousness that is the Life.

You are sent forth in the name of the Father, you are endowed with the power of the Son, you are baptized with the Consciousness of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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IN GOD WE TRUST

The Problem of Relationship

THOSE who are living the "new life" should do more than "live peaceably with all men." There should be joyful harmony with all—with all humanity, with all nature, with every living creature. This is the new ideal and when realized it will bring the new heaven and the new earth.

"Thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee," is a prophecy of this day.

In this article we shall consider the problem of human relationship alone.

There are certain principles to be maintained in every relationship. Supreme among these is the principle of integrity. If there be a discordant element in the environment, let each examine himself in some such way as this: Am I true in every detail of my relation with this one, just as true as I should wish one to be to me? Do I think of him as I would wish him to think of me, do I speak of him with right words only, are my acts evidence of integrity? Integrity includes fairness, justice, honor and honesty. No relationship can be harmonious when one fails to fulfill his part with integrity.

Then, again, ask, Am I giving this one his freedom just as I wish mine? Loosing another and letting him go as his guidance leads him is another essential of true relationship. The holding of one's opinion over another or the condemnation of the action of another, although it may be unspoken, is the reason of much unhappiness between those who should rejoice in each other. The critical attitude toward a weaker one is often a cruel bondage to him.

Do I love this one? is the third important question to be asked. Love, remember, is that deep inner relation of unity which is evidenced as out-streaming goodwill. To love one means to feel at one with him and this at-one-ment shows itself as true interest in his experiences, achievements and growth; as forgiveness when he offends; as a wish to be helpful in so far as his desire and circumstances permit. It shows itself in prayer for him and faith in him; in hands off when it is best that it should be so.

But what if, after one has been faithful and conscientious in all these, the one that he wishes to help and to become harmonious with is still in trouble, still obdurate? We cannot force another to our way, loose him and let him go.

We are not here to live for another; we are here

to live our own lives aright. Our help to the world is through our own living. To be joyful, loving, helpful is our privilege and herein lies our power. The most ineffective and undesirable person in the world is the sanctimonious egotist who goes about showing his fellowmen how to be good.

There are two sides to every relationship—the outer and the inner. On the one hand the encouraging word, the kind act; on the other—without this the outer is of but little value—there is the inner tie, the *feeling* of unity. In this feeling of unity evidenced in outward co-operation, lies the power and harmony of every relationship.

Establish true relations with everyone by practicing the three principles—Integrity, Freedom, Love—and you will prove their working power.—Republished by request from Daily Studies in Divine Science, August, 1916.

COURAGE

"Be thou strong and very courageous." It is foolish and sinful to doubt the goodness and power of God. All of good is everywhere, never divided nor limited, and enough for all. We must have strength, courage and faith to trust God always and all the way. Divine love is the only power and presence of the universe, here, now, and you cannot be shut out from His joy. The promise and fulfillment go hand in hand, and now is the day of salvation for all unlike good. Our understanding of God must equal our faith in Him; then we are intelligently praying, and the result is certain and sure. The argument that would discourage is not born of the Father, is not supported by law, hence is baseless and base.

Be strong, dear heart. Live one day at the time. Yesterday never was—tomorrow never will be; there is no time but now. And by doing our intelligent best today, tomorrow brings another day, in which we can know more and more of Him from whom all blessings flow. Be cheerful, hope all things, endure all things, expect all good to come and come soon, and, as we deserve it, God will make it so. Be strong and of good courage.—Edward Everett Woodward.

Whatever in Love's name is truly done
To free the bound, and lift the fallen one,
Is done to Christ. Whoso in deed and word
Is not against Him, labors for our Lord.

—Whittier.

I shall not find the last comforting assurance in any book, nor in the clouds above my head, nor in the grass beneath my feet; I shall find it only in the unfathomed depths of my own waiting heart.—Warnack.

That institution is Christian which expresses the Christian spirit and whose program realizes the Christian purpose. No other is Christian indeed, however spangled with Christian labels it may be.—Joseph McAfee in *The New Republic*.

Man perfected is God individualized.—Maitland.

THE CALL OF ABRAHAM. GEN. 12-21. GAL. 4

AGNES M. LAWSON

THE history of the Hebrew family begins with Abraham. It is true that some of the higher critics begin actual history with Moses, and reduce the Patriarchal period to "shadows in the mist." That the nation and religious organization begin with Moses cannot be gainsaid. But before there can be a nation and a church, there must be a family and a religion. Undoubtedly the allegories and stories of the book of Genesis are much later than Exodus, but they were written from popular oral tradition or pre-existing books now lost. A nation like that of the Hebrews would keep its traditions distinct and true.

Abraham is one of the greatest figures in the religious history of the human race. Three great religions trace their origin to him. The Hebrew religion, its child, the Christian religion, and Mohammedanism. The world owes to him its first clear knowledge of the true God and the manner of service that will be acceptable to him. Hebrew history requires the starting point which the Patriarchal period gives it. It was no new and unknown God in whose name Moses spoke to his brethren in Egypt. He had a basis to work from in the God of their Fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

The simple yet stately figures would be alike a loss to the historian, the litterateur, the religionist and the artist. Their dignity, magnanimity and graciousness are examples for all ages. The simple spiritual guidance is much needed in our complex civilization. The visits of Jehovah and His angels are reminders that God and His angels do visit the children of men.

The country lying between the Tigris and the Euphrates, Mesopotamia (between two rivers), is one of the oldest civilizations on earth. There were three nations in this country, the northern Assyrian, in the center Babylonian, and the southern Chaldean. Abraham came out from "Ur of the Chaldees." This was a great civilization, advanced in astronomy, science and arts. Every time that we look at our clocks, or wrist watches, we go back to the period of Chaldean history before Abraham was born. They had divided time into the year, month, week and days approximating the division used by us at the present time. The day was composed of twenty-four hours, and the hour sixty minutes, the minute sixty seconds. We owe to this great race also our one sacred day in seven, called by them the "Day of the Heart."

With this heritage back of him Abram is called of God. One of the greatest features of this great Book is the "calls" of leaders and prophets. Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy Father's house, into a land that I will show thee; and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse and in thee shall

all the nations of the earth be blessed." God speaks to us through the "still small voice" in our own souls. He spake unto Abraham as he speaks to you and me. "There is a guidance for each of us and by lowly listening we hear the right word."

Abram is the type of character that hears; large, magnanimous, a man of rich consciousness, of deep peace, poise and power. There are men who think in terms of self, others in villages, yet others in empires, but Abram held in his consciousness the whole human race. His ideal was "in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." And this insight was true, the human family is indebted to him. This new race started in the consciousness of Abram has given us religion, and without this human progress would have been impossible. This race has given us a knowledge of God and man's relation to God. The relationship of man to God is dependency, but a relationship of this kind involves a mutual obligation. God is responsible for man, and is bound to work with and for man until man is free.

Abram emigrated from Chaldea to Canaan (low region), a distance of about three hundred miles. With him was Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew and a large retinue of slaves. The end of any life, enterprise or race is held fast in its beginning. We find certain characteristics of Abraham in the Jewish character today. The rich consciousness, "and Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold." His love for his wife and his deference to her judgment; his love of peace and the conciliatory method in which he settles the affair with his nephew; are all still strong characteristics in the Jewish race at the present time.

Abraham has no heir, but he is assured of the Lord that he shall have one; "And he believed in the Lord: and he counted it unto him for righteousness." According to the custom of the day, Sarai, who is childless, gives her maid Hagar to her husband for a secondary wife. Hagar despises her mistress when she knows that she shall have the heir, and Abraham sends her away at Sarai's demand. In the issue here we see the pre-natal influence on the child. Hagar's ingratitude and rebellion against her mistress to whom she owed her position marks the child. The Angel said to her: "Behold thou art with child, and shalt have a son; and thou shalt call his name Ishmael (God hears) because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And he shall be a wild-ass among men, his hand shall be against every man's and every man's against him." Here again the end in the beginning. The Arabs, Ishmael's descendants, are of an untameable nature, always roving. Hagar could flee from the sight of her mistress but not from the sight of God, nor from the consequences of her rebellion.

Paul calls this an allegory. It is the first of the positive lessons of the two brothers. There is the son of the bond woman and the son of the free woman, Isaac. When Abram was ninety and nine

years old—as the Hebrew wrote in numerical symbolism, this is not to be taken literally—the Lord appeared unto him and said: “I am God Almighty; walk thou before Me and be thou perfect.” God can never speak to us but through our own state of consciousness. No race or person who had not a concept of the ideal could hear such words as these. The covenant made with Abram is another instance of the spiritual development of the race.

A covenant is an agreement, the law of prayer, the means through which we transmit the gifts of the Spirit to our own consciousness. Prayer is acceptance of God's gifts. In disagreement we rebel; in agreement we open the way for negotiation and transmission. And Abram is given a new name, he who had been childless is to be the father of many nations. Abraham (father of nations). It is after our agreement with God that we become creative and fruitful. There are no barren lives in God, but out of him we cannot conceal our unfruitfulness.

Sarai also receives her new name Sarah (princess), her son is the heir and his name is Isaac (laughter). It is significant that the son of the free woman should be spontaneous joy, which is laughter. There is no heaviness in spiritual life; life, love and work are all interspersed with laughter. No one can be a pessimist and see principle. Optimism is compulsory to the one who lives in Spirit and in Truth.

The son of the bond woman is born after the flesh, and all flesh is unruly, unspiritual, untrue. The son of the free woman is by promise, free, true, real. “Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bond woman and her son; for the son of the bond woman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman.” Cast it out, the false concept of yourself. There is the eternal YOU, and the temporal not you. Do not hesitate, temporize or waver, cast it out, as long as it lingers with you, you are an house divided against itself, and defrauded of your inheritance.

Child of the infinite One, born for eternal day,
Made in the image of God to traverse the heavenly way;

As a fountain that never fails your spirit and life
are free,
And all that belongs to God rightly belongs to thee.

JUST OPEN YOUR EYES

Don't hurry or worry;
Be still and keep cool,
For hurry and worry
But make you time's fool.

Don't believe what they tell you
'Bout Time's flowing stream,
'Tis Eternity Now, dear,
All else is a dream.

Don't seek for a heaven
In far distant skies,
It lieth around you,
Just open your eyes!

—Henry Victor Morgan.

“AS IN A GLASS, DARKLY”

Down the long gallery, gleaming softly bright,
We walked in quest of beauty, Friend and I;
And here a woodland pool was treasure trove,
And there, a pictured face that fed the eye.

But half-way down we found a window clear
Wherein we saw still other glimmering walls
Filled with bright paintings, whose delightful hues
Gave shining promise of more glorious halls.

Close by, a door—but closed; we turned away
From the forbidden treasures with a sigh;
And passing onward through a portal wide,
Swept the next room with half disdainful eye—

When lo! there shone the colors and the shapes
We left behind us in our fairy hall;
What we had sighed for was a shadow-land
Glassed in the polished window—that was all!

Beyond the illusion, had we cared to look,
The dark wall proved how little lay behind;
And while we longed for dreamland, right ahead
Waited the loveliness we came to find.

—E. R. FARNHAM.

THINGS THE PRESENT-DAY CRISIS IS TEACHING US

1. To control our appetites.
2. To control our speech.
3. To unite in faith in God.
4. To unite in action with each other.
5. To think of others.
6. To have compassion for others.
7. To give, hoping for nothing in return.

—“The Comforter,” April, 1918.

Whatever good thing any man will affirm for himself, I confirm for him and the universe will confirm it.—Warnack.

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